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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, KS, FR  
SUBJECT: ROK NUCLEAR REPROCESSING: FRENCH APPROACH

REF: A. STATE 288551 B. PARIS 32534

1. NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TESSIER DU CROS RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ISSUE. HE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS AND CURRENT FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. HE CONFIRMED REPORTS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED, INCLUDING REF B.

2. TESSIER DU CROS SAID THAT WHOLE QUESTION OF SALE OF REPROCESSING FACILITY TO ROKG NOW BEING RECONSIDERED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND HE DID NOT EXPECT CONCLUSION TO BE REACHED FOR SOME WEEKS. HE ADDED THAT ROKG IS, HE BELIEVES, AWARE OF THIS RECONSIDERATION, BUT THAT HE INTENDS TO CONFIRM KOREAN AWARENESS DURING HIS INITIAL CALLS.

3. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED FOR TESSIER DU CROS RATIONALE BEHIND US POSITION. DU CROS THOROUGHLY AGREED AND MADE CLEAR THAT HE PERSONALLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE NUCLEAR PRO-  
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LIFERATION INCLUDING AVOIDING SALES OF REPROCESSING PLANTS

TO VERY SENSITIVE AREAS. HE SAID FRENCH FIRMS INVOLVED ARE ARGUING THAT REPROCESSING METHODOLOGY IS ENTIRELY IN PUBLIC DOMAIN AND THEREFORE SALE OF PLANT WOULD NOT PREVENT COUNTRIES SUCH AS KOREA FROM BUILDING THEIR OWN FACILITIES. DU CROS ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF USG DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG. AME SSDOR BRIEFED HIM IN GENERAL TERMS, STATING THAT WE STILL HAVE NO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ROKG. DU CROS ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED ON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KOREANS, AND AMBASSADOR AGREED TO DO SO, SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO KEEPING FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE INFORMED IN BROAD GENERAL TERMS.

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